

MONTROSE BOROUGH COUNCIL

June 4, 2018

7:00 PM

Council President Sean Granahan called the meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Mayor Tom LaMont said a prayer for guidance.

Adoption of Agenda: President Granahan questioned if anyone wanted to make any changes or additions to the Agenda. The following changes were made:

Discussion Items: #4. Thank you to Dave Teachout, #5. Air Conditioning at 89 Cherry Street Council room. Executive Session: Personnel, Real Estate, Litigation. Motion was made to adopt the Agenda as modified by Councilman Craig Reimel; Councilman Tom Follert 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: President Granahan inquired if there were any changes or corrections to the May minutes. A motion was made to accept minutes as presented by Councilman Follert; Councilman Jamie Holbert 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried

Present for Roll Call: Sean Granahan, Jamie Holbert, Todd Chamberlain, Tom Follert, Craig Reimel

Absent: Judy Kelly, Randy Schuster (joined meeting at 8:07)

Other Officials Present: Tom LaMont, Mayor; Michael Briechele, Solicitor; Lillian T. Senko, Secretary

Misc. Correspondence:

Beirne Wealth Consulting
RE: April Report

JHA – Tad Moser
RE: Update on S. Main Street Project
(Sent by Judy Kelly)

Cabot
RE: Gas Well

Williams
RE: Grant Letter

PennDot
RE: Advisory Meeting

Williams / Atlantic Sunrise
RE: Construction Update

President Granahan inquired if there were any questions or comments associated with the miscellaneous correspondence. An update with the South Main Street project was discussed.

Recognition of Attendees: Chief Dale Smith, James Shuster, Doug Graven, Jenny Olin, Cheryl Ungaro, Kerry Foose, Staci Wilson

Approval of A/P: President Granahan inquired if there were any questions or comments on submitted Accounts Payable. No questions or comments. Councilman Reimel motioned to approve payment of outstanding bills; Councilman Holbert 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Payroll: President Granahan inquired if there were any questions or comments on submitted Payroll report. No questions or comments. Councilman Holbert motioned to accept the Payroll Report; Councilman Follert 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Accounts Receivable/Deposits: President Granahan inquired if there were any questions or comments associated with the submitted Accounts Receivable/Deposit Report. No questions or comments.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: President Granahan asked if anyone had any questions or comments on the submitted Treasurer's Report. Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Councilman Reimel; Councilman Follert 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Budget Report: President Granahan inquired if anyone had any questions or comments on the presented material. Replying to Councilman Chamberlain's question during the May Council meeting, President Granahan stated the insurance budget was over by twenty-two thousand dollars for 2018. He said thirteen thousand was from the State Workers Insurance Fund and nine thousand isn't explained. Aaron Woodroff will attend the July 2nd meeting to shed light on the increases.

Street Department: President Granahan asked if anyone had any questions or comments on the report provided by Ken DiPhillips, Supervisor.

Supervisor DiPhillips requested permission to purchase items such as stone and mulch to prepare the park for the season. A motion was made by Councilman Chamberlain to order the necessary products for the park; Councilman Reimel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Building Code Report: President Granahan asked if there were any questions or comments on the Building Code Report provided by Mr. Grimm. Councilman Chamberlain stated there were two couches and a mattress left out by tenants at 106 Jessup Street to report to the BCO.

Zoning Report: President Granahan asked if there were any questions or comments on the Zoning Report provided by Mr. Watts. No comments or questions.

Police Department: President Granahan asked if there were any questions or comments on the Police Report.

Chief Smith reported the Police Department had another busy month. Councilman Chamberlain commented on the stolen ATV from the bottom of Jessup Street, stating the person would ride the ATV through everyone's property and asked Chief Smith if they had a plate for the vehicle. Councilman Chamberlain said if there was no plate registered the ATV could be impounded. Chief Smith stated he didn't know whether or not it had a plate since the ATV is missing.

Marion O'Malley, County District Attorney had a meeting with all the Police Chiefs and one topic discussed was Naloxone regarding best policies.

Solicitor Briechle stated he's working on the Naloxone (Narcan) Policy, and he is still gathering information on the law and will coordinate with the District Attorney.

The camera needs to be replaced in the 2015 Ford Taurus, Chief Smith stated the WatchGuard Camera with trade-in would cost forty-seven hundred dollars. Councilman Reimel motioned to purchase the new camera, Councilman Holbert 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carries.

Chief Smith stated Susquehanna County gave First Aid Kits to all the Police Departments.

Municipal Authority: President Granahan asked if there were any questions or comments on the submitted Municipal Authority Report. No questions or comments.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Tom LaMont stated he didn't have much to report, only United Fire Company had difficulty covering the Memorial Day Parade, so it's a heads up to the 4th of July Parade sponsors.

Action Items:

- 1. Open True & Level Bids and Award Contract:** There were no additional bids received after the second ad was placed. The only bid received was from New Enterprise Sone and Lime Co., Inc. on May 7, 2018 for a price of one hundred eighteen dollars and seventy-two cents for a total cost of thirty-one thousand four hundred sixty dollars and eighty cents. Councilman Reimel motioned to accept the bid from New Enterprise; Councilman Chamberlain 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 2. 88 Cliff Street / Penelec Light:** After a brief discussion about a resident having a problem sleeping with the glare of the streetlight shining into her bedroom, Mayor Tom LaMont approved the request of having Penelec darken one side of the light that shines towards the house.
- 3. Pay Council and Mayor:** Councilman Reimel motioned to pay Council and the Mayor; Councilman Follert 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carries.

Speaker: Jim Shuster regarding food trucks

Mr. Shuster said he is working with other people who own businesses trying to get them to come into Montrose. He said he has friends who own breweries and wineries and having more businesses in town would be advantageous for everyone, creating a destination town. He said competition is good, keeps us on our toes.

Getting back to last year, Mr. Shuster said he really needs more foot traffic in order for his business to survive. He would like to add a food truck to his venue especially since food trucks have a great following.

Mr. Shuster stated “we all need to work together here”. Council discussed the pro’s and cons of the food truck, where it would be located, how it could be tied into a community event instead of just a one-person event. Council wanted to make sure the food truck would be located in a safe spot and Mr. Shuster said the “loading zone” on Grow Avenue in front of his business would be the perfect place for it. If two trucks could be added, in front of Lee’s Furniture would be another good spot. Council and Mr. Shuster along with members of the audience spoke about conducting a community event to try to mirror Tunkhannock and Vestal’s 1st Friday. Have it once a month and see how people in town react.

Discussion Items:

- 1. Consider Additional Handicap Space in Front of Courthouse:** After several minutes of discussion Councilman Follert motioned to remove one of the reserved spots closest to the sloped sidewalk in the front of the new entrance of the courthouse and purchase a meter for the spot; Councilman Chamberlain 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 2. Consider How Council Can Help Promote or Organize Events in Town:** Councilman Follert shared with Council some literature to share with the new businesses and existing businesses regarding Zoning guidelines, and maybe put together some type of welcome packet.
- 3. Naloxone Policy:** Solicitor Briechele stated he is still working on this.
- 4. Send Thank You to Dave Teachout:** Dave Teachout approached the Borough Secretary and said he would like to donate his time and material to

treat the corner lot. He said there were a lot of dandelions and treating the grass would help to eliminate the weeds. Council commented on how nice of him to do this and agreed thank you note needed to be sent.

- 5. Air Conditioning at 89 Cherry Street / Council Room:** Councilman Reimel updated Council on the work SureTemp was doing at the Borough building. He said it would cost approximately nine thousand dollars to place a separate air conditioning unit for the room. Councilman Reimel stated he hasn't received any answer as of this time.

Executive Session:

President Granahan recessed the open meeting at 8:43 p.m.

At 9:06 p.m. President Granahan called the open meeting back to order.

Councilman Schuster motioned to contact the applicant from Scranton, Michael Badyrka, to offer him a part time position with the Montrose Police starting with the probationary pay rate; Councilman Reimel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carries.

Councilman Holbert motioned to advertise information regarding an Ordinance for Zoning changes which is in the process of being drafted by Solicitor Briechele; Councilman Follert 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carries.

Councilman Schuster motioned to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Chamberlain 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned 9:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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